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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS

1. FULL US PANEL (EXCEPT ALDRICH) HAD SECOND MEETING WITH PHIL TECHNICAL PANEL FROM 3:00 TO 6:00 P.M., 8 JULY , 1974,. PHIL PANEL CHAIRED BY VEGA AND US PANEL BY ARNOLD.

2. AMBASSADOR VEGA LED OFF MONDAY P.M. SESSION WITH SUMMARY OF PHILIPPINE TRADE INTERESTS IN ECONOMIC AGREEMENT. WANTED CLEAR STATEMENT FROM US SIDE THAT TRADE CONCESSIONS ARE NOT TO BE FULLY RECIPROCAL. CITED TOKYO DECLARATION AND PART IV, ARTICLE 36 PARAS 8 & 9 OF GATT. BASIC INTEREST REMAINS MODIFICATION OF COMPETITIVE NEED CRITERIA IN GSP SCHEME. AGAIN VOICED HOPE THAT SPECIAL WAIVER COULD BE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS FOR PHILIPPINES. TACTIC IS TO AVOID RECIPROCITY AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE BY IGNORING MFN CONCESSIONS AND SEEKING MODIFICATION OF GSP. VEGA STATED GOP WOULD SUBMIT GSP AND MFN PRODUCT LISTS.

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3. VEGA WENT ON TO SAY TREATY SHOULD BE EXPANDED TO

TREAT THE FOLLOWING:

- A) OBLIGATIONS OF NATIONALS AND COMPANIES AS WELL AS RIGHTS.
- B) TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY.
- C) INDUSTRIAL COLLABORATION
- D) RE-EXPORT TRADE.
- E) NTB'S
- F) REFUND OF US DUTIES TO GOP FOR DEVELOPMENT.
- G) SETTLEMENT OF PENDING ECONOMIC CLAIMS.

4. ARNOLD MADE CLEAR THAT US PROPOSAL TWO SEPARATE AGREEMENTS. THE FIRST WOULD BE A FULL TREATY AND THE OTHER RELATING TO TRADE WOULD BE IN NATURE OF EXECUTIVE AGREEMENT.

5. VEGA SUGGESTED DETAILED DISCUSSION OF US DRAFT. PANEL THEN REVIEWED ARTICLE I THROUGH ARTICLE 9 WITH GOP MEMBERS REQUESTING CLARIFICATION, MODIFICATION AND MAKING VARIOUS OBSERVATIONS. GOP PANEL INDICATED THEY WOULD SUBMIT COUNTERDRAFT ON CERTAIN ARTICLES FOR CONSIDERATION. MOST COMMENTS BY GOP PANEL WERE TECHNICAL IN NATURE. US PANEL ANSWERED MOST QUERIES ON SPOT AND PROMISED PROVIDE ADDITIONAL BACK-GROUND ON SOME TEHCNICAL QUESTIONS.

6. NEXT PANEL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 3:00 P.M., TUESDAY, 9 JULY.
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